Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have called for reports of it from the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—No answer is come ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has come.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the answer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has explained in great detail that they have not been tortured or ill-treated at all.

Treatment of Satyagraha volunteers.

137. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the volunteers were marched to the Station immediately after their arrest;

(b) the names and designations of the officers who were in charge of them while they were marched to the station;

(c) the time when they were lodged in the cell of the sub-jail;

(d) the time when the cell was unlocked and the detenus produced before the District Magistrate in the sub-jail;

(e) the number of volunteers confined in the single cell till the District Magistrate saw them;

(f) the length and width of the cell in which they were confined;

(g) whether the cell was opened after the confinement of the volunteers and before the District Magistrate came to the sub jail;

(h) whether any food or drink was given to the volunteers before the District Mrgistrate saw them;

(i) if the answer to (h) is in the affirmative, who did it;

(j) what the expenditure incurred by the Government was;

(k) whether any food or drink was given to them after the District Magistrate saw them?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Please see answer to (e) of question No. 125.

(c) 6-30 a. m., on 22—4—09.

(d) 9-15 p. m., on 22—4—09.

(e) They were confined in 3 rooms. 7 in each.

(f) 17 feet×12 feet.

(g) Yes; for giving food and water and also for letting them out to answer the calls of nature.

(h) Yes.

(i) The Police Officer in charge of the station.

(j) Rs. 4—9—6.

(k) Yes.

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Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(d). May I know, Sir, whether these prisoners were seen or interviewed by any officer other than the Police Officer before they were produced before the District Magistrate?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Was there anything standing in the way of all the prisoners being produced before the local Magistrate before they were produced before the District Magistrate at 9-15 in the night? They were arrested at 5-55 a. m.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The local Magistrate interviewed before the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—So the previous answer was not correct?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have to correct that answer.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—When did the local Magistrate interview these prisoners?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Have you definite information that the local Magistrate interviewed or is it a matter on which you want notice?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice to be accurate.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(e). The answer is that they were confined in 3 rooms, 7 in each and the answer to (f) is that the cell is 17 feet by 12 feet. Am I to take it that the three rooms in which they were confined are each measuring 17 feet by 12 feet?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I think so.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Am I to take it that when the District Magistrate saw these prisoners first, they were in 3 separate cells?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(g). At what time was the cell opened?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have not got the information here. I presume it must have been done whenever they required it.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I know that whenever they require, it will be opened. I want to know the point of time, when it was done.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The information is not available.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Is not information available as to how many times the cell was opened to answer the call of nature and the prisoners were let out?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir.

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Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(j). What expenditure was incurred by the Government? May I know whether this expenditure takes in the food and drink supplied to the volunteers before and after the District Magistrate interviewed them?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It takes in only the expenditure before the arrival of the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Am I to take it that an extra expenditure was incurred for the food supplied to them after the District Magistrate interviewed them?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It comes under the District Magistrate, since it goes to the sub-jail.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—I ask what extra expenditure was incurred on that day after the District Magistrate interviewed them?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No information.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to call for information on that matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes; if necessary I shall call for them.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi—May I know when food and drink was first supplied to the volunteers that day, at what point of time?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The time is not available, notice.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Meals were arranged for them in morning. They refused to take meals. But in the afternoon they agreed to take meals.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Does not report refer to the day on which they were arrested?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, the same day.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—So tea was supplied to them in the morning and subsequently meals were given.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They did not take any meals in the morning.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the supplementary answers, may I know whether it is not expected of the Government to be conversant with facts which closely relate to the answers given here on the paper?

President.—The Hon'ble Member raises a point and does not give the Chair time to reply to it. Government gives replies to the questions the Hon'ble Members put; but if it is about great details, Government will reply if the members give notice.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether at any time all these prisoners were confined in one single room in the Sub-Jail.

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—With reference to (f), according to the schedule rates, how many can be accommodated in a room of 17 feet by 12 feet as they do in the Central Jail, according to the Jail Rules?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I can't say.

138. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Satyagraha volunteers were beaten with lathis, slapped, fisted and kicked or otherwise roughly handled by the police when they were marched to the station;

(b) whether any violence was used on them after they were taken inside the police station;

(c) whether the volunteers were stripped off their shirts and caps before they were confined in the cell?

(d) the names and designations of the officers who were on duty at the station when the volunteers were in the station on 7th December 1933;

(e) which officer authorised the police to subject the volunteers to the above ill-treatment?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The shirts and caps were removed.

(d) Head constable No. 320 Kuriakko was in charge of the station.

(e) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (a) and (b).

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—(c) May I know under what rules or regulations were these shirts and caps of the arrested persons removed?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is answered in Question No. 139. Under section 36 of the Criminal Procedure Code and article 132 of the Police Manual.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether article 132 of the Police Manual relates to the same specific question referred to in section 36 of the Criminal Procedure Code?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—If that is so, this is section 36. "May search such person, and place in safe custody all articles, other than necessary wearing apparel found upon him". May I know whether shirt and cap form a part of a man's wearing apparel?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—We do not think that these are necessary wearing apparels.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—What are the rules under which the word wearing apparel has been defined?

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